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WASTAGE OF FUEL DUE TO TRAFFIC JAM
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the period for which there was traffic jam in the landing and take-off at the Delhi Airport during the last six months;

(b) whether additional fuel gets wasted due to delay in landing; and

(c) if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Air traffic congestion is generally felt during the peak hours between 0700-1200 hours and 1600 - 2100 hours.

(b): Some Airlines do not maintain details related to delays due to `landing restrictions` or late clearance for take off which lead to additional fuel burn. It is, therefore, difficult to workout loss on fuel cost due to the traffic congestion.

(c): Corrective steps taken in this regard include simultaneous use of both runways during the peak hours period, improved Air Traffic Control (ATC) procedures, restriction o n general aviation aircraft movement, commissioning o f rapid exit taxiways and parallel taxiways etc.